निदेशक के विरुद्ध कुछ आरोप प्राप्त हुए थे जिनका सत्यापन किया जा रहा है।

(ख) और (ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) उपर्युक्त (ख) और (ग) को ध्यान में रखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Enquiry into HDW Submarine Deal

693. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the present status of the enquiry ordered into the HDW submarine deal?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): The CBI have completed examination of a number of witnesses and also some of the accused persons. They have taken over a large number of files and documents pertaining to the Soviet submarine contracts from the concerned Ministries/Departments and these have been examined by them. Assistance/cooperation in the investigations has also been sought by the CBI from some foreign Government/Courts.

Rural electrification

694. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the allocations made by NABARD for rural electrification during Seventh Plan;

(b) whether these allocations are likely to be reduced in future; and

(c) if so, whether Government would take up with NABARD to increase the allocations for rural electrification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House shortly.

आवश्यक वस्तुओं की कीमतों में कमी लाने के उपाय

695. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने सीमेंट, चाय, वनस्पति तेलों और साबुन जैसी आवश्यक वस्तुओं की कीमतों में कमी लाने के लिए कोई योजना तैयार की है अथवा क्या इसके लिए प्रभावी उपाय किए जाने की संभावना है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह नीति कब तक कार्यान्वित की जाएगी; यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है ?

नागरिक आपूर्ति और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री फखरुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) और (ख) सरकार ने आवश्यक वस्तुओं को नियंत्रित करने के कार्य को सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकता दे रखी है। मूल्यों की बारीकी से परिवीक्षा करने तथा सीमेन्ट, चाय, वनस्पति तेलों व साबुन जैसी आवश्यक वस्तुओं की आपूर्ति सुनिश्चित करने के लिए 13-7-91 को वित्त मंत्री की अध्यक्षता में मूल्यों के बारे में एक उच्च शक्ति प्राप्त मंत्रिमंडल समिति गठित की गई है। मुद्रा पूर्ति में वृद्धि को रोकने, उपभोक्ता व्यय में मितव्ययिता बरतने, जल्दी प्रभावित होने वाली वस्तुओं का बेहतर आपूर्ति व मांग प्रबंध सुनिश्चित करने, कठोर प्रवर्तन उपाय करने तथा इस बीच अधिक उत्पादन हेतु प्रोत्साहन का प्रावधान करने के लिए प्रयास किए जाएंगे। इन उपायों से आशा है कि आने वाले महीनों में मूल्य स्थिति पर संयतकारी प्रभाव पड़ेगा।

Knowhow fees paid to Pepsi Co. U.S.A.

696. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:
SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lump-sum fees of 8,00,000 US dollars for knowhow etc. have to be given to Pepsi Co. U.S.A.; and

(b) if so what technical knowhow has been transferred so far by Pepsi and what was the technical knowhow originally intended to be transferred?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) As per terms of foreign

collaboratoin approval the foreign collaborator shall be paid a lump-sum of 5 lakh dollars subject to applicable Indian taxes, for technical knowhow, drawings, design, documents, erection and commissioning etc. in three instalments. Plants for manufacture of snack foods, soft drink concentrate manufacturing and fruit processing have been erected and commissioned. The Company has informed that the substantial technical knowhow has been transferred to the Indian Project in snack food, concentrate manufacturing and food processing. In addition, to the above, transfer of technology has been effected in the area of applied agricultural research.

Refusal of Pepsi to submit production figures of soft drink

697. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:
SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Financial Express dated 12th June, 1991, captioned 'Pepsi puts a lot of fizz in protest';

(b) whether it is a fact that Pepsi has refused to submit monthly production Figures of its soft drink concentrate plant to Government; and

(c) if so, in what manner Government would monitor the soft drink concentrate production of Pepsi on a monthly basis, without monthly production figures available from Pepsi Foods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Limted requested the Government to let them know the format and the provision of Industries (Development & Regulations) Act, where under the company is required to furnish monthly production returns. The company has since been advised about the formal and the proivsions under which it is required to submit monthly production returns. Monitoring of production on monthly basis will be done on the basis of monthly production returns.

TV and A.I.R. stations at Bhawanipatna in Orissa

698. SHRI BASANT KUMAR DAS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) by when the 10 K.W. Television centre and an A.I.R. station at Bhawanipatna in the State of Orissa were scheduled to be commissioned;

(b) the reasons for delay; and

(c) by when they would be commissioned?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The High Power (10 KW) TV transmitter and a new Radio Station with 200 KW MW Transmitter at Bhawanipatna were originally scheduled to be commissioned during 1989-90 and 1990-91 respectively.

(b) and (c) As far as the TV transmitter is concerned the delay in completion of the tower works was due to non-availability of adequate Power Supply and Water Supply at the site, remoteness of the site and agitations in the area. Construction of the tower has since been completed and the TV transmitter at Bhawanipatna is envisaged to be commissioned during the current year.

As far as All India Radio is concerned the time taken in shifting of a 33 KV feeder line passing through the A.I.R. land by Orissa State Electricity Board delayed the construction of the All India Radio building. However, the technical areas for both the studio and transmitter have now been made ready and installation work has been taken up. The Radio Station at Bhawanipatna is envisaged to be technically ready in 1992.

699. [*Transferred to 2nd August, 1991.*]